



Project: Full time M.Sc. by research at IT Tallaght: *Analysis of the public understanding and value of, and expectation from science.*

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Description: This project aims to survey, analyse and evaluate and public understanding, perception, value and expectation from science in Ireland. Subsequent to development of a comprehensive survey, numerous means will be used to conduct it across all cohorts across society, including best traditional practices as well as using Web portals, social networks and science centres. The successful candidate will also engage a one week outreach internship at Blackrock Castle Observatory (BCO) Science Centre, one of the centres due to run the survey. Results will be published in a peer reviewed journal and presented at conference; providing new insights into science education and outreach as well as into national science priorities.

The project is **fully funded for two academic years**, including college fees, a monthly stipend of €833 (net), costs for conference and BCO internship, among other usual costs. The interested candidate should have an honours degree at 2.2 or higher in one of: Science, Engineering, Computing, Scientific Communications, Science Education, Social Science, Scientific Journalism or a related area.

Interested candidates should send an email expressing their interest to Kevin Nolan at: Kevin.Nolan@ittdublin.ie